LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Lowick Parish Council was held on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: JA Huddart, Mrs A Worlock, Mrs MA Bell, Mrs F Burn, Mrs S Graham, SA Mather, W Perks, P Hanson and 2 members from the local police force

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs LA Bradbury, Councillor RJD Watkin

3. There were no declarations of interest

4. Minutes of previous meeting – there were agreed as being correct

5. Matters Arising
   • Speed indicators – the sign at the east end of the village now records the speed of cars leaving the village – there are not as many vehicles exceeding the speed limit as first thought. PC Amer said he had been in the village with a car stating the speed cars were travelling at. He also suggested that County Council Highways will monitor speeds and if speeds are critical a camera van would visit the village
   • The clerk had obtained prices for a litter/dog bin for the east end of the village. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of a bin

6. Police Report – 8 calls had been made to the police in the last month, 2 for suspicious activity but no crimes reported

7. Barmoor Windfarm Community Fund – JA Huddart reported that £59,000 of applications had been received for the first panel meeting

8. The Common – a copy of a draft easement had only just been received a few hours before the meeting. JA Huddart said he would be contacting the Colgan’s solicitor to establish reciprocal agreement for the easement. The Parish Council will agree in principle but still need legal advice. JA Huddart has sent a copy of the draft the Stephen Rickitt and awaits his response. Mrs A Worlock said she would then contact a solicitor in Newcastle

9. Neighbourhood Plan – a proposal has been submitted. A survey of properties is being undertaken by JA Huddart via OS, and Google maps/photos. JA Huddart said that 51% of those eligible to vote have to agree to the proposals. P Hanson said he had attended a regional event in Durham and that Northumberland County Council are obliged by law to give assistance

10. Black Bull – Mrs A Worlock said a community meeting is to be held on 17th April which is a feeler to see if there’s enough community support and there will be talks about grants and possible funding. The next move will be dependent on the number of people attending the meeting. Mrs Worlock said that a lot of money would need to be found from outside sources.

11. Planning Application – Ref: 15/00963/FUL : The removal of the old existing rear flat roof extension. Proposed single storey extension to the rear of the existing property which extends out towards the east. 3 Black Heddon, Chatton TD15 2PE There were no comments to make regarding this application
12. Matters to report on potholes, repairs/maintenance to highways, street lights etc – potholes at Black Heddon’s and Eilwell Road

13. Any other business – P Hanson drew attention to an article which had appeared in the Berwick Advertiser stating that Berwick Town Council were not happy about taking over the Play Parks. Freehold through Northumberland County Council would take up to 2 years and a conveyancing lawyer would only take 45 minutes. It was agreed to investigate freehold further

14. Date of next meeting – 21st May 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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28th May 2015